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Instructions -

- (1) **All questions are compulsory.**
- (2) **Marks are indicated against each question.**



SECTION – A

(Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage.

[10×1=10]

- (1) Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. Chess is based on an even older game from India. The Chess we play today is from Europe.
- (2) Chess is a two player game. One player uses the white pieces while the other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one king. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more rules, but these are the basics.
- (3) Some people think that Chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is kind of a workout for the mind.

- (4) You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast-paced.
- (5) Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. At first, they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006 a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess sure has come a long way. Don't you think so?

Questions :-

- (i) Which is not a reason that chess is a good workout for the mind according to the text?
 - (a) Good chess players think about what will happen next.
 - (b) Good chess players take a lot of risks.
 - (c) Good chess players take their time.
 - (d) Good chess players use their brains.
- (ii) What is the author's purpose in writing the second paragraph?
 - (a) To explain the rules of chess.
 - (b) To compare different types of games.
 - (c) To talk about game pieces.
 - (d) To persuade people to play chess
- (iii) How long have people been playing chess?

(a) Over 100 years	(b) Over 500 years
(c) Over 1000 years	(d) Over 5000 years
- (iv) Where did the game that chess is based on come from?

(a) Europe	(b) India
(c) America	(d) China
- (v) How does a game of chess end according to the text?
 - (a) One player takes all the other players pieces.
 - (b) One player makes it to the end of the board.
 - (c) One player becomes king.
 - (d) One player loses his or her king.
- (vi) Which among the given situation happened first?
 - (a) Computers did not play chess well.
 - (b) Deep Blue won an important game.
 - (c) Cell phones got good at playing chess.
 - (d) Deep Blue took up a whole room.

SECTION – B

(Writing)

- Q.3 With the help of the clues given, design a poster in a suitable box entitled 'Don't Be Cruel to Animals'- Love them, feed them, shelter them. Save animals, save the Earth. [4]

OR

You are Priyanshi Batra, the President of the Student Union of Govt. M.L.B. School, Seoni. Draft a notice to inform the students about 'the Annual Sports Meet' going to be held in your school.

- Q.4 You are Wani Verma, residing at 17, Ekta Colony, Raisen. Write a letter to the Collector of your district to complain against the mal-functioning and lack of facilities in Govt. Hospital of your district. [4]

OR

You are Garima Sahu residing at B-07, New Colony, Raigarh. Write a letter to your friend inviting her to spend summer vacation with you.

- Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 120 words – [4]

- (a) Value of Games
- (b) Social Media and its impact on youth
- (c) Democracy in India

OR

Write a paragraph on 'A visit to Hospital' based on the given clues in not more than 120 words.

Registration counter, surgical ward, queue, medical ward, Nurses, Patients, flowers.

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

- Q.6 Fill in the blanks. (Any five)

- (i) He studied inUniversity of America. (a, an, the)
- (ii) This is a mattergreat importance. (of, for, in)
- (iii) Work hard lest youfail. (would, should, need)
- (iv) Ram is the.....of all his brothers.(young, younger, youngest)
- (v) The.....team worked hard to win. (whole, all, some)
- (vi) She knows..... has been done.(what, which, who)

[5×1=5]

Q.7 Do as directed. (Any five)

[5×1=5]

- (i) The room is very small.
We cannot sit in it. (Combine the sentences using 'too ...to')
- (ii) They are playing cricket.
(Rewrite the sentence in Present Perfect Tense)
- (iii) If it does not rain, we will not get good crop.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'Unless')
- (iv) I am writing letters. (Change the Voice)
- (v) The girl is my cousin.
The girl is in black dress
(Combine the sentences using 'who')
- (vi) I know where has she gone.
(Identify and write the underlined Clause)

SECTION – D

(Textbook)

Q.8 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

[5×1=5]

When I went up to University, I was given a room of my own. The common link of friendship was snapped. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. She rarely left her spinning-wheel to talk to anyone. From sunrise to sunset she sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers. Only in the afternoon she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows. While she sat in the Verandah breaking the bread into little bits, hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirruping's. Some came and perched on her legs, others on her shoulders. Some even sat on her head. It used to be the happiest half-hour of the day for her.

Questions :-

- (i) Identify 'I' and 'she' in the above extract –
 - (a) 'I' refers to the author and 'she' refers to the author's mother.
 - (b) 'I' refers to the author's grandmother and 'she' refers to the author's mother.
 - (c) 'I' refers to the author and 'she' refers to the author's sister.
 - (d) 'I' refers to the author and 'she' refers to the author's grandmother.

- (ii) Here the phrase 'accepted her seclusion with resignation' means -
- accepted her oddness
 - accepted her loneliness with passive submission
 - accepted her anxiety
 - accepted her old age
- (iii) 'A veritable bedlam of chirrupings' means -
- boring noise produced by birds
 - confusing noise and chaos caused by the chirruping of birds
 - unpleasant sound produced by birds
 - light sound produced by birds
- (iv) Which used to be the happiest half hour of the day for her?
- When she sat by her wheel spinning.
 - When she sat reciting prayers.
 - When the birds collected round her and she fed them.
 - When she took lunch.
- (v) When was the common link of friendship snapped between the author and his grandmother?
- When they shifted to the city.
 - When he was admitted in an English School.
 - When he went up to University.
 - When he went up abroad for higher studies.

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions that follows -

[3×1=3]

The Laburnum top is silent, quite still
In the afternoon yellow September sunlight.
A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen.
Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirrup
A suddenness a startlement, at a branch end.

Questions :-

- (i) Before the arrival of the gold finch, the Laburnum tree is -
- noisy
 - shaking
 - silent
 - singing
- (ii) Which word from the extract means 'a pull or jerk'?
- Twitching
 - Chirrup
 - Suddenness
 - Startlement

- (iii) Identify the poet –
 (a) Shirley Topley
 (b) Ted Hughes
 (c) Elizabeth Jennings
 (d) Markus Natten

- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below –

[4×1=4]

It wasn't morning yet, but it was summer and with daybreak not many minutes around the corner of the world it was light enough for me to know I wasn't dreaming. My cousin Mourad was sitting on a beautiful white horse. I stuck my head out of the window and rubbed my eyes. Yes, he said in Armenian. It's a horse. You're not dreaming. Make it quick if you want to ride.

Questions :-

- (i) Who was sitting on the horse?
 (a) Cousin of the speaker
 (b) The speaker
 (c) No one
 (d) both (a) and (b)
- (ii) From which lesson has the above extract been taken?
 (a) The Address
 (b) Birth
 (c) The Summer of the beautiful White Horse
 (d) Mother's Day
- (iii) In which language did Mourad speak?
 (a) German
 (b) English
 (c) Armenian
 (d) Arabian
- (iv) Write the noun form of word 'beautiful'.

- Q.10 Write the following questions from Hornbill in about 30 words (Any five)

[5×2=10]

- (i) What was the turning point in the friendship between the grandmother and the author in 'The Portrait of a Lady'?
- (ii) Who were Larry and Herb? 'We are not')
- (iii) What is the Cemetery of Tut called?
- (iv) What is the green movement?
- (v) How was Bakhar's account of the Battle of Panipat different from what was written in other history books?
- (vi) What does Kora mean in the lesson 'Silk Road'?

Q.11 Answer the following questions from Poetry in about 30 words.
(Any three)

[3×2=6]

- (i) What has the camera captured? (A Photograph)
- (ii) What will happen if it doesn't rain?
- (iii) Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet in 'The Laburnum Top'?
- (iv) What does the poet experience about the adults in the poem 'Childhood'?

Q.12 Answer the following questions from Snapshots in about 30 words.
(Any two)

[2×2=4]

- (i) The Garoghlanian tribe was famous. How?
(The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse)
- (ii) Why had the author come to visit Mrs. Dorling? (The Address)
- (iii) Why was Joe Morgan waiting for the doctor?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any two)

[2×3=6]

- (i) Would you agree that the author's grandmother was a person strong in character? If yes, give instances that shows this from 'The portrait of a Lady'
- (ii) Write in gist about the lesson "The Adventure".
- (iii) How does the story 'We are not Afraid to die-together' suggest that optimism helps to endure "the direst stress"?

Q.14 What are the three phases described in the poem 'A Photograph'?

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OR

How is the cycle movement of rain brought out in the poem, 'The Voice of the Rain'? Compare it with what you have learnt in science?

Q.15 What impressions of Shahid do you gather from the lesson "The Ghat of The Only World"?

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OR

"Have you come back?" said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back.' Does this statement give some clue about the story? If yes, what is it? (The Address)